GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPORT PRICE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the process of purchasing agricultural produce on support price;

(b) the amount of loss borne by the Government and State Governments in the process of purchasing agricultural produce; and

(c) the steps taken in those States where State Government does not purchaseagricultural produce on support price on regular basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government announces each season, Minimum Support Prices for majoragricultural commodities of Fair Average Quality and organises purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India, CottonCorporation of India, Jute Corporation of India, National Agricultural CooperativeMarketing Federation of India and Tobacco Board besides other agencies designated by the State Governments.

(b): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c): The designated Central agencies are required to intervene in the market forundertaking price support operations in the event of market prices falling below the minimum support prices fixed by the Government. The Government is alsoencouraging State Governments to adopt decentralized procurement scheme for procurement of cereals to ensure that the local farmers get the minimum support prices.